



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item
Agenda Item No. **16**

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Keith Nesbitt, Council Member
Date: October 22, 2012
Subject: Tiles Recommendations from SHAAC

The Issue

Shall the council approve the recommendations from the Streetscape History and Art Advisory Committee (SHAAC) for two tiles to be engraved in Central Square?

Conclusion and Recommendations

By **MOTION**, approve the 2 names listed to be engraved in Central Square.

Background

The SHAAC met on Oct. 11, 2012. Discussion and action items followed. The SHAAC voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council approve the engraving of 2 tiles in Central Square.

Discussion:

SHAAC members discussed the 10-20 names that will be brought forth to the Council for future consideration. These names would be pre-approved, and would be engraved in Central Square as soon as the name had a sponsor or sponsor group capable of funding the installation. The names were not yet agreed upon. However, SHAAC wanted to respond to the Council's budget of \$600 to engrave more tiles in Central Square. The unanimous recommendation from SHAAC was the following 2 names; with the proposed text:

1) Sheriff John C. Boggs

A lawman with true grit. Boggs fought Rattlesnake Dick and the Tom Bell gang in the 1850's. Credited with the most arrests of any single lawman in the county. Sheriff Boggs was tough, fearless and dedicated to enforcing the law.

2) Deputy "Big Dip" Dependener

Best liked and most feared man in local law enforcement. At 6' 7", he was a formidable man. He investigated the 1904 Weber family murders and was engaged in a shoot-out with the Cox brothers in 1916, he carried the scars of 7 bullets.

The SHAAC felt that these were two historical figures that should be recognized, and like Rattlesnake Dick, they were interesting characters.

SHAAC members continue to develop a list of names appropriate for street naming, but also are pursuing themes for the Baltimore Ravine Development. Two themes that resonate with the SHAAC are the Railroad and the Nisenan Indians. One street name that has gained unanimous acceptance is "Bloomer Cut". Whether it be street, blvd., etc.... the SHAAC feels that Bloomer's Cut is the most substantial historic event from that area of town. SHAAC will meet again in a few weeks to make further recommendations to Council.

Financial Impact:

Council has already approved \$600 for tile engraving. City staff to determine if both tiles proposed can be completed for the \$600 budget. The final location within Central Square is to be determined.

Alternate Motions:

Deny SHAAC recommendations and complete no tiles at this time.